have also taken up installation of Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System (SCADA). SCADA has been implemented in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Power has sanctioned projects under Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) for introducing Information Technology in distribution. Projects for electronic meters, computerized billing, SCADA etc., have been sanctioned.

Setting up of an appellate authority on electricity

1392. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleaed to state:

(a) what progress has been made by Government in setting up of the Appellate Authority on Electricity on the lines of Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal;

(b) whether Government have consulted the Supreme Court to provide names for nominating as Chairman and members of the Authority; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) The Appellate Tribunal for Electricity has been notified in terms of section 110 of the Electricity Act, 2003, *vide* Notification S.O. 478(E) dated 7th April, 2004. Posts have been created for officers and staff of the said Tribunal. The salary and allowances payable and other terms and conditions of service of the Chairperson and Members of the Tribunal have been notified. Recruitment rules for appointment of officers and staff as well as rules regarding the form, verification and the fee for filing appeal before the Appellate Tribunal have also been notified.

(b) and (c) The Chief Justice of India is being consulted regarding appointment to the post of Chairperson of the tribunal as required under the Act.